

Principal Tells Praise of Special Education Program

Lomita Elementary School is one among many Los Angeles City schools carrying out the Special Education program passed by the State Legislature last summer, according to Mrs. Jane Rye, principal of the local school here.

Mrs. Rye was the principal speaker at Thursday morning's meeting of the Lomita Elementary P.T.A., outlining the development of two classes in her school and the results being obtained through the program.

The speaker told her audience of more than 75 interested mothers that it has been known for more than 30 years that ten percent of the population is in a group that need special instruction. Children are grouped into three divisions, slow, average and fast learners.

With the increasing concern over this educational problem the State Legislature has passed the law which made it mandatory to establish the special classes.

Mrs. Rye said that handicapped children require the same needs as other children. They need love, guidance, security and success, and therefore need instruction under a teacher who understands them.

At Lomita Elementary School there are two classes for these children where the same course of study is taught in a much simplified form during the morning hours and in the afternoon a craft program which has been expanded holds a very prominent place in the life of the child during his day in school. It has been found that the craft program helps the academic work. Children who are handicapped are found to feel that they are different than other children. They become aggressive or timid. However, they come from homes no different than other children, the speaker further stated.

The reason for the child's handicapped status can be laid to a severe illness, a birth injury, glandular disturbance or a nutritional deficiency.

Mrs. Rye also explained that a child who cannot adjust himself to the regular curriculum can never feel success. He never goes home from a day in school feeling that he was successful in any of his schoolwork.

The special classes have given these children a desire to attend school and feeling that they have a goal and are reaching it.

An exhibit of the craft program from the upper class under the direction of Mrs. Mary Specht, was highly interesting. Among the hand-made articles were bracelets, gimp-braiding, earrings made of shell, trays, plastic wall brackets, wall plaques, crocheting and copper work.

A similar class for younger children, under the instruction

Miss Doris Moyse Tells of Educational Program

Girl Scout Troop No. 643, sponsored by Harbor City P.T.A., presented the colors in an impressive ceremony at the Jan. 13 meeting of the association.

Mrs. Herman Ludwig conducted the meeting in the school auditorium and Mrs. George Weeks acted as secretary pro-tem.

A display of articles made by students in the special training room in the Harbor City School was explained by their teacher, Mrs. Marion White.

Principal Winston Scott told the group that Norwood School will be occupied before the end of the semester. All the remaining plans were formed for a luncheon on Jan. 27 for the sixth grade students, who will be going to Narbonne High School for the spring semester and their parents. Committee members are Mrs. J. M. Wildenhair, Mrs. Aubrey Mathews and Mrs. J. R. Bloomer.

Association members were urged to attend the Community Forum meeting Jan. 19 in the San Pedro High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Doris Moyse, supervisor of special education in the south and west school district, presented many interesting facts concerning special schools and classes in this area.

Children who are physically and mentally handicapped would be deprived of educational advantages if it were not for special education, the speaker said. The physically handicapped children receive education by ward teachers while they are still patients in the hospital. The same children are helped by home teachers while they are convalescing and until they are able to attend school.

Plans have been drawn, the speaker announced, for a special school to be built in San Pedro for the physically handicapped of the harbor area.

There are 1250 mentally handicapped children in the south and west districts and these are cared for in seven schools, six centers and more than 100 special education rooms. These rooms have several advantages:

1. The class is smaller and each child receives more individual attention.

2. The program is arranged to meet the needs of the children.

3. Emphasis is made on what the child does well.

4. They receive the same academic instruction as other children in school plus crafts, home-making and other arts.

5. They can progress at their own speed.

The program of education can be only as good as the public demands, concluded Miss Moyse, and great strides have been made in special education due to the cooperation of the many Parent-Teacher groups.

Churches Hold Rally Monday

The district rally of the seven Centinela Foursquare churches will be held next Monday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Torrance Foursquare church, 1207 El Prado.

The guest speaker will be Evangelist Tommy Hicks, who conducted successful revivals in Torrance some months ago. Special numbers and great interest is expected. Everyone is cordially invited.

A nutrition film titled "Something You Didn't Eat" was shown and following the meeting cupcakes, tea and coffee were served by third grade room mothers.

What thou doest for a woman, she may forget, but what thou has failed to do, that she will always remember.

Mrs. MacDonald's Home is C.D.A. Study Club Setting

Mrs. J. J. MacDonald opened her home at 1420 Acacia avenue to the study club of Gourt St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, Monday evening.

In the absence of Father Edward Sullivan, who is presenting a lecture series before the group this winter, Mrs. Keith W. Jones, study club chairman, conducted a true-false test on the "Sacrifice of the Mass."

Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Jones presided at the silver service.

Brothers Join USN and AC, Off to Camp

Philip and Richard Wall of Mr. and Mrs. John Wall of 22015 Harvard boulevard, left for Navy and Air Corps training bases, following their enlistment at the Torrance recruiting office on El Prado.

Philip, 18, fullback on the 1947 Torrance varsity, left Monday for boot camp at San Diego.

Richard, 17, left Torrance High School where he was a senior this year to join the Air Corps and will take his basic training at Wichita Falls, Tex. He was promised schooling by the Army.

The court's annual benefit bridge party is scheduled for next Monday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m. in the parish hall, with Mrs. John Melville in charge. Contract and auction bridge, pinochle and 500 will be played, and prizes awarded. The public is

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